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What the "Reef" Looks

Like

(Continued.)

I notice that Joaquin Miller has written a very touching appeal to the world for books and reading matter for the unfortunate prisoners. I shouldn't be a bit surprised to see the Ashford. The "poet" is slight- memories, but why and enjoy the English language the prison inspectors and au-Besides this fact it can be on Jobs promptly made. Any-body desiring to build a New lows with life sentences. certain haole with spectacles, House or to repair an old, will do Charles Read's description of and about twenty natives were read and a standard work among sure you didn't see N-

the prisoners, created some sensation, and whereabouts on that memorwhich far surpasses buckets able Sunday, and thereby and food in its infamy. The saved themselves lots of treatment of certain prisoners trouble. Men were called bethat the government expected fore that board of inquisition to extort evidence from was day and night. The kanakas such that even the least were bulldozed and threatened, sceptical citizen will hesitate and I presume the inquisitors to believe. The "dark" cell was used to an extent difficult to believe. I will explain try. One night one of the that the dark cell is not a tank | native prisoners confined in the filled with water or any other cell under mine was sent for, diabolic contrivance. It is and had a very long interview simply a cell without any ac- with the board of inquisition. cess to light, damp and with- W. R. Castle was the chief inout any furniture of any des- quisitor, and if the kanakas can cription. The occupant has to be believed, it is evident that rest on the cemented floor, and the great lawyer besides lookthe political prisoners sent ing after the interests of the

It is no use for the government organs to deny these the sufferers are in the possesstatements has been acknowaccording to orders. But why ly didn't make his case better. were these men treated so, is He was then asked if he ever

shal. Dunwell was supposed government, and he was sindark cell, but his "memory" audacity to pray for whatthey did not get revived. Charles are pleased to call their govern-Molteno was sent into the ment. He got a well-deserved because he had never listened told that to pray for the Queen to conversations which were was treasonable and enough to supposed to have taken place bring any man to jail for life. in Bertelmann's office next to was confined in this "bridal" prisoner. I only repeat what chamber of the hotel for seven he told me. But the following next steamer carry tons of days, and a certain compositor tracts, pamphlets and books now working in the Advertiser for Hawaii's "coral hell." to office for three days, also for use a favorite phrase of C. W. the purpose of refreshing their in his story and that the inquily off his base. There is all on? The means used by the reading matter at the pri- the government during the son that can be desired and trials of the alleged rebels are the few prisoners who can read matter of history now. That

and have time to read can find thorities could lend themselves in the hospital library mater- to aid and abet the methods of lion" than was healthy for ial enough to last them for the government is the most from one to thirty-five years. surprising part of the affair. The board of inquisition used noted that friends of the pri- to sit day and night at the soners are always allowed to prison. I was never called bebring in reading matter and fore this august body, probably jailor and told to pack up his that several people in Hono- because they didn't think they things and go home. He was lulu are in the habit of sending | could get much out of me. I their used novels, magazines was regularly informed, though, and papers to the prison lib- by the other prisoners of the rary. The reading matter is mode of inquisition and the there and it is highly suit-line of questioning. There able. A favorite work is "How seemed to be a great deal of to Build a House Cheap"which anxiety on the part of the is especially used by the fel- grand inquisitors to rope in a the "dark cell" is also often asked every day: "Are you It strikes me that if the inqui-It is now my painful duty sitors had sent for N. they could to touch a subject which has in two minutes have learned his

> thought they were working in the true interest of the coun-

into this cell were stripped of republic also had a keen eye their clothing and only allow- to business and acted as a first ed undershirt and drawers. It class drummer for his church. is hard to believe but it is This is the gist of the report a fact that Mr. Dole's Christian "telephoned" to me through Government kept men in that the partition. Mr. Castle askcell virtually naked from three ed the prisoner if he was a hours to seven days, feeding member of Kaumakapili. them on water and hard bread The "unfortunate" admitted and allowing no change, air, or that he was not, but that he attended service in the church. Mr. Castle then asked with

great severity if the prisoner facts. The sworn affidavits of thought it fair that he [Castle] and his friends should bear the sion of the foreign representa- expenses of the church, and tives, and the truth of the have fellows like the prisoner use it without paying a memledged by jailor Low, who ber's fee. The prisoner said simply acted very much against that he only went to church his own inclination and simply once a while, but that evident-

the natural question. To re- prayed for the Queen. The Transact a General Banking fresh their memory is the prisoner stated that he was in

humorous answer of the Mar- the habit of praying for his to be able to give evidence cere enough to tell the grand Steamship against V. V. Ashford, He inquisitor that the kanakas do was kept for 48 hours in the notlike the republic, and have the damp hole for twelve hours and severe reprimand, and was

I don't vouch for the truth his shop. George Jackson of the statement of my fellow little affair which I shall now narrate seems to indicate that there may be considerable truth

sition stopped at nothing. The authorities had got an idea in their head that a certain prominent young man who had been arrested knew more and Passengers on or about that date. about the part which the Waimanalo played in the "rebelhim. Nothing could be gotten out of the young man and the authorities resorted to a strategy worthy of them. One about night he was sent for by the of course only too happy to comply and hurried to bundle up his traps. As they were somewhat bulky he was told to Through Tickets to all Points in the United States leave them and only take a few small articles and send for the rest. A hack was in waiting and the young prisoner felt highly honored on finding the Attorney-General and Deputy-Marshal Brown present and ready to escort him. He got in and took a seat behind, next to Smith, while Brown held up the front with the driver. The hackman was ordered to drive to - street where the prisoner's residence is. No words were spoken, but, in a little while, the carriage stopped at the home of the suspected gentleman. The Deputy Marshal went in and attempted to persuade the mother of the prisoner to use her influence to get him to "confess." The prisoner was then told to go in and see his mother. He did so, and returned in very short order full of indignation over the mean trick played on him and spoke some pleasant truths to Mr. W. O. Smith. He was then ordered into the hack to jail, as being unwilling to accept the mercy of Smith or to be moved into lying by a mother's tears. Where will men stop who will adopt such methods?

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